

**Notice of Public Scoping
Grazing Permit Renewals and Annual Monitoring**

Comment Period open till October 31, 2004

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The Dolores Field Office and the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (CANM) are soliciting public comments and concerns regarding the renewal of term grazing permits in fiscal year 2005. Field Office and National Monument staff will be completing analysis under guidance of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and making decisions on the renewal of grazing permits for allotments shown in the table below. We are requesting your comments pertaining to management issues you have observed on the allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and resources found within specific allotments. Issues that are specific and factual are more useful and more efficiently analyzed.

An interdisciplinary team will rank expiring permits into priority categories based on public comments and all other information available. The ranking will help determine the appropriate level of NEPA documentation required to reach a decision on each term grazing permit renewal. The ranking will also help to allocate resources to address concerns on a priority basis.

Allotment Name and Number	Public Land Acres	Permittee	Landscape	Field Office	BLM Contact
McLean #08067	130	Charles H. Redd	CANM	CANM	Mike Jensen
Lower Aztec Canyon #08039	295	Jerry Jones	CANM	CANM	Mike Jensen
Aztec Canyon #08025	1,945	James A. Black	CANM	CANM	Mike Jensen
Yellowjacket Canyon #08025	2,563	Robert and Mary Johnson	CANM	CANM	Mike Jensen
Hamilton Mesa #08035	7,577	Steve, Tim, and Jay Wallace	CANM	CANM	Mike Jensen
Alkali #08014	794	Richard C. Perkins Family Living Trust	CANM	CANM	Mike Jensen

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Mt. Elston #17065	120	Richard C. Perkins Family Living Trust	Disappointment	Dolores	Mike Jensen
Spring Creek #17056	17,313	Charles P. Hughes	Spring Creek	Dolores	Bob Ball
Upper Disappointment #17000	1,996	Melvin J. Adams Livestock Co.	Disappointment	Dolores	Bob Ball
Gypsum Gap #17002	2,895	Kirk Alexander	Dry Creek	Dolores	Bob Ball
Gyp Ridge #17006	3,155	Ivan and Joan McKinney Living Trust	Dry Creek	Dolores	Bob Ball
Oak #17029	180	Clyde Griffith	Disappointment	Dolores	Bob Ball
East Broad Canyon #08072	1,070	Mex and Sons, LLLP	Dry Creek	Dolores	Bob Ball
Home Bench #17047	2,170	Mex and Sons, LLLP	Dry Creek	Dolores	Bob Ball
Dry Creek Basin #17016	38,486	Mex and Sons, LLLP	Dry Creek	Dolores	Bob Ball
RCA #17057	17,255	Steve and Pam Suckla	Disappointment	Dolores	Bob Ball
Summer Camp #17226	1,883	Ute Mountain Tribe	Disappointment	Dolores	Bob Ball
North Cahone #08079	80	Walter and Audrey Tycksen	Dove Creek	Dolores	Bob Ball
Warden Draw #17028	2,464	Clifton Bankson	Disappointment	Dolores	Bob Ball
Salt Arroyo #17005	10,956	Clifton Bankson	Disappointment	Dolores	Bob Ball
Nash Cemetery #08020	1,761	Clifton Bankson	Disappointment	Dolores	Bob Ball
Todd Individual #08006	408	Craig and Carole Trudeau	Dove Creek	Dolores	Bob Ball
Horse Park #17045	6,647	James and Constance Roth	Dry Creek	Dolores	Bob Ball

Failure to meet the minimum qualifications for holding a term grazing permit (e.g. control of base property, livestock ownership, etc.) precludes grazing permit renewal. In these instances NEPA analysis is not necessary since the permit cannot be renewed. Permits may also be renewed without NEPA analysis, in accordance with the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-108).

Annual monitoring will be conducted on the following allotments in fiscal year 2005 in order to complement rangeland health determinations within the Dry Creek Basin landscape. If you have concerns about the allotments to be monitored during 2005 please contact Bob Ball at the address shown below.

Table 1. FY 2005 Allotment Monitoring Schedule		
Grazing Allotment	Allotment Number	Public Land Acres
Dry Creek Basin	#17016	38,486
Home Bench	#17047	2,170
Beard's Corner	#17059	880
Old Young	#17041	12,237
Buck Knob	#17054	46
Gypsum Gap	#17002	2,895
Gyp Ridge	#17006	3,155

Annually hereafter, the same process will be used. A public scoping notice will be posted on the Internet soliciting comments regarding grazing permits up for renewal for the following fiscal year.

If you have any information or concerns or wish to be considered as an interested party on a permit or allotment, please contact the individual(s) at the address above to be put on a mailing list. If you do not have specific comments at this time, but have questions about the allotments listed in this notice; also contact the individual at the address shown above.